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Fulton Harness Shop 2 S. Main Street Bel Air Private

This small clapboard shop is Bel Air's only remaining artisan's shop. Built in 1845, it was the harness shop of James Fulton until 1890. It is typical of many little pre-Civil War shops and its survival on a prime corner in Town is remarkable.

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DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This small story and a half clapboard building is at the southwest corner of South Main Street and Pennsylvania Avenue in the Town of Bel Air, Harford County, Maryland. The building was originally a three part structure, a three bay gable roofed portion with a shed addition to the rear and a shed roof porch on the front. The windows were double hung sash, 6/6. The sashes in the half story have been recently replaced but are of the same construction. Sometime between the publication of the 1904 Insurance Map and the 1930 Insurance Map the porch was enclosed and extended one bay to the south, so that the front (east) elevation now shows four plate glass windows of unequal size with a door in the middle. There are two other entries, one (disused) in the south elevation, probably Mr. Fulton's access to his shop, since it gives onto the yard of the Fulton House next door, and one in the north elevation in the shed addition.

The interior has four rooms on the first floor: the enclosed porch, the central block, which is used as the meeting room by the Christian Scientists, and two rooms of unequal size in the shed addition. The northernmost of these rooms has a small bathroom in the northeast corner. Very little of the interior finish can be observed since the porch and meeting room have been panelled with sheetwood. The staircast to the half story has been changed since 1972. A narrow steep enclosed stair rose along the south side facing east with access from the central block. The stairway, still narrow, steep, and enclosed now runs west, in the same place, with access from the porch. The half story has been finished and is used as a Nursery and Sunday School.

A full basement is under the building, the part under the shed addition being more recent, and probably dating from the installation of the furnace. Access is by a pair of metal doors flush with the sidewalk on the north (Pennsylvania Avenue) side. Just west of the doors is a metaled over coal chute. Twice, once recently, the floor of the main block has been reinforced by new beams.

A small, square, utilitarian stove chimney rises outside the west (rear) elevation of the shed.

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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This small board shop, built in 1845 by James Fulton to serve as his harness shop, is the oldest remaining commercial stand in Bel Air. Typical of the little shops of the 18th and early 19th Century Mechanic, this building is a remarkable survival. Mr. Fulton made and mended harness there for half a century. He retired in 1892 "feeling the weight of his four score years" and sold his business, although not the property, to John Bauer who had worked for him for over twenty years. The Harford Democrat of January 1, 1892, remarked that Fulton "retires without a blemish on a good name and transfers his business to a successor who bears he same reputation for promptness and integrity." Fulton died in 1897 at 86 years old leaving three surviving children, Mrs. John S. Young of Bel Air, and Mrs. Joseph Weizel and John A. Fulton of Cumberland.

The 1904 Insurance Map of Bel Air shows that the building was still occupied by a harness shop. The insurance map for 1930, corrected in 1960 and 1962, shows the addition of one bay to the south in the front (east) blocks from the appearance of the overlay the change was made between 1930 and 1960.

The title to this building has passed along with the house next door (the Fulton-Young House). Mr. Fulton's heirs held it undivided until 1941. In that year H. Miller Scarborough, Mary, his wife, and J. Harvey Scarborough, heirs at law of John A. Fulton sold their share in the property to Florence Young Maulsby, Elizabeth C. Smithers, and Minnie Margaret Smithers, heirs of Mary. Fulton Young, for \$10,000 (267/332). The Misses Smithers own it today. It is occupied by the Christian Science Reading Room. Around 1932 Kroh's Nursery had its headquarters in the building but soon found it too small and moved to Bond Street. Richardson's Florists was there in the 1960's, and after that a Music Store occupied the premises until the Christian Science Reading Room leased it in 1972.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

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The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 267-1438

TITLE: Christian Science Reading Room

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4 August 1941

H. Miller Scarborough & Mary B., wife, and J. Harvey Scarborough, widower

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of descent from James A. Fulton who died in 1897. Grantors were heirs at law of John A. Fulton, last surviving child of James A. Fulton; grantees were heirs of John's sister Mary Fulton Young whose husband, John S. Young, had survived her and had been in possession of this property for "50 years or more."

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2 May 1891

Daniel Scott and Cornelia, wife, and Annie G. Winchester, widow

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on payment of \$600 with interest from 1837. Warden died in 1842 without paying. The court ordered the sale of property. Warden owned lot #5 and the pleading makes no mention of a house.

The sale price suggests no house. (Box 694, Harford County Equity Records)

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130215441 Form 10-300 UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR NATIONAL PARK SERVICE (Dec. 1968) MD. HISTORICAL TRUST MD. HISTURIUME TRUST A BOX APOLIS, MD. 21404 ANNAPOLIS, MD. COUNTY: NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM FOR NPS USE ONLY ENTRY NUMBER DATE (Type all entries - complete applicable sections) COMMON: ANO/OR HISTORIC: Sadd 40 LOCATION STREET AND NUMBE CITY OR TOWN STATE COUNT COOE COOE 3. CLASSIFICATION ACCESSIBLE CATEGORY OWNERSHIP STATUS S TO THE PUBLIC (Check One) Z Yes: Public Acquisition: Building Public . Occupied District Restricted 0 Private In Process Unoccupied Site Structure Unrestricted 🗀 Being Considered Preservation work Both Object in progress PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate) Comments Park Transportation Agriculturol Government α Industrial Private Residence Other (Specify) Commercial Military Religious Educational Scientific Entertoinment Museum S OWNER OF PROPERTY Z OWNERS NAME: Ш STREET AND NUMBER ш STATE: COOE CITY OR TOWN S A 2 2 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF STREET AND NUMBER 40 S. MAIN ST. HARFORD COUNTY COURTHOUSE STATEMARYLAND COOE CITY OR TOWN: COUNTY BEL AIR APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATEO PROPERTY: 6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS TITLE OF SURVEY: ENTRY NUMBER OATE OF SURVEY: Federol Stote County Locol DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: FOR NPS USE STREET AND NUMBER: STATE: COOE CITY OR TOWN: ONLY DATE

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THIS DEED, made this 4th day of August A.D. 1941 by H. MILLER SCARBOROUGH and MARY B. SCARBOROUGH, his wife, and J. HARVEY SCARBOROUGH, widower.

WHEREAS the said grantors claim title to the hereinafter described tract or parcel of land acquired by James A. Fulton by deed from Daniel Scott and wife and Annie G. Winchester dated May 2, 1891, and recorded among the Land Records of Harford County in Liber A.L.J. No. 70 folio 439; the said James A. Fulton, widower, having departed this life intestate on September 25, 1897, leaving as his only heirs at law and next of kin a son, John A. Fulton, and two daughters, Mary, who intermarried with John S. Young, and Susan, who intermarried with Joseph Weizel, and the said Mary Fulton Young departed this life on May 10, 1905, intestate, without issue survived by her husband John S. Young and leaving a brother, said John A. Fulton, and her sister Susan Weizel surviving; that Susan Weizel departed this life intestate and without issue on June 18, 1915, her husband Joseph Weizel surviving, who departed this life unmarried, and without issue on March 24, 1925; and John A. Fulton (the last surviving child of James A. Fulton) unmarried, departed this life February 14, 1934, leaving a last will and testament and codicils wherein he devised all of the rest, residue and remainder (including the tract or parcel of land hereinafter described) to his heirs at law and first cousins, which by construction of the Court of Appeals of Maryland in Weaver vs. McGonigall 170 Md. 212, it was determined that the said residuary estate devolved from Mary A. Scarborough and Josephine McGonigall; that Mary A. Scarborough departed this life on January 25, 1935, intestate leaving as her only heirs at law and next of kin said J. Harvey Scarborough, husband, and said H. Miller Scarborough, son; that aaid Josephine McGonigall departed this life on or about December 1, 1936, leaving a last will and testament in which she devised all the rest, residue and remainder of her estate (her interest in the tract or parcel of land hereinafter described being included therein) unto her nephew the said H. Miller Scarporough (aee Wills Records of Harford County, Liber A.J.G. No. 20 folio 20); and WHYREAS, Florence Young Maulsby, Elizabeth U. Smithers and Minnie Margaret Smithers, claim the tract or parcel of land hereinafter described as the residuary devisees of John S. Young, late of Harford County, deceased, who had been living upon and in possession of said tract or parcel of land for fifty years or more, and WHEREAS the grantors herein have agreed to convey the tract or parcel of land hereinafter described to the residuary deviseea of John S. Young upon the payment of \$10,000.00 and cuit claim and release all the right, title and interest of said grantors in the estate of James A. Fulton in and to said tract or parcel of land.

and the payment of said sum of \$10,000.00 receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, the said H.
Miller Scarborough, Mary B. Scarborough, his wife, and J. Harvey Scarborough, do grant, convey,
assign, release and quit claim unto the said FLORENCE YOUNG MAULEBY, KLIZABETH C. SMITHERS and
MINNIE MARGARET SMITHERS, their heirs and assigns, all the right, title and interest of said
grantors or of those claiming, by, from or under them in and to all that tract or parcel of
land situate in the Town of Bel Air, Harford County, and the State of Maryland, and described
as follows: Beginning for the same at the southwesterly intersection or Pennsylvania Avenue
and Main Street at an iron pin driven in the ground at said intersection and running thence in
a southerly direction along the westerly side of Main Street 76.31' more or less to a leasehold lot of ground formerly owned by John S. Young and Millicent L. Young (both now deceased);
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COUNTY: Harford	Christian Science Reading Room ORIGINAL FORMAL NAME:
TOWN: Bel Air	James Fulton's Harness Shop
LOCATION: 2 S. Main Street	PRESENT USE: Religious
Bel Air, Maryland 21014	ORIGINAL USE: Harness Shop
	ARCHITECT/ENGINEER:
COMMON NAME:	ENGINEER.
Christian Science Reading Room	BUILDER/CONTRACTOR:
FUNCTIONAL TYPE: Commercial	
OWNER: Margaret & Elizabeth Smithers	PHYSICAL CONDITION OF STRUCTURE:
ADDRESS: Box 74	Excellent() Good()
Chesapeake City, Md. 21915 ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC:	Fair (X) Poor: ()
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Appendages: Porches(X)Towers()Cupolas()D	ormers()Chimnevs(X)Sheds(X)F11s()
wings () other: porch enclosed	
Roof Style: Gable(X)Hip()Shed()Flat()Ma	nsard()Gambrel()Jerkinhead()
saw rooth / with monitor (with Belicas	t()With Parapet()With False Front()
other.	. , ()
Number of Stories: 1-1/2	
	Entrance Location: Main St.
approximate Dimensions: 23'5" x 32'	
HREAT TO STRUCTURE:	LOCAL ATTITUDES:
o Threat()Zoning()Roads()	Positive(X) Negative()
evelopment()Deterioration()	Mixed() Other:
lteration ()Other: sidewalk building	
along Pa. Ave.: may be moved	

	ADDITIONAL	ARCHITECTURAL	OR	STRUCTURAL	DESCRIPTION
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Upstairs Sunday School and Nursery Porch and meeting room wood panel Staircase changed from inside meeting room running east to a west run with access from porch

RELATED STRUCTURES:

(Describe)

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:

The oldest remaining commercial stand in town. Excellent example of mechanic's shop.

REFERENCES:

MAP: (Indicate North In Circle)



SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT:

Open Lane()Woodland()Scattered Buildings()
Moderately Built Up()Densely Built Up()
Residential()Commercial(X)
Agricultural()Industrial()
Roadside Strip Development()

Other:

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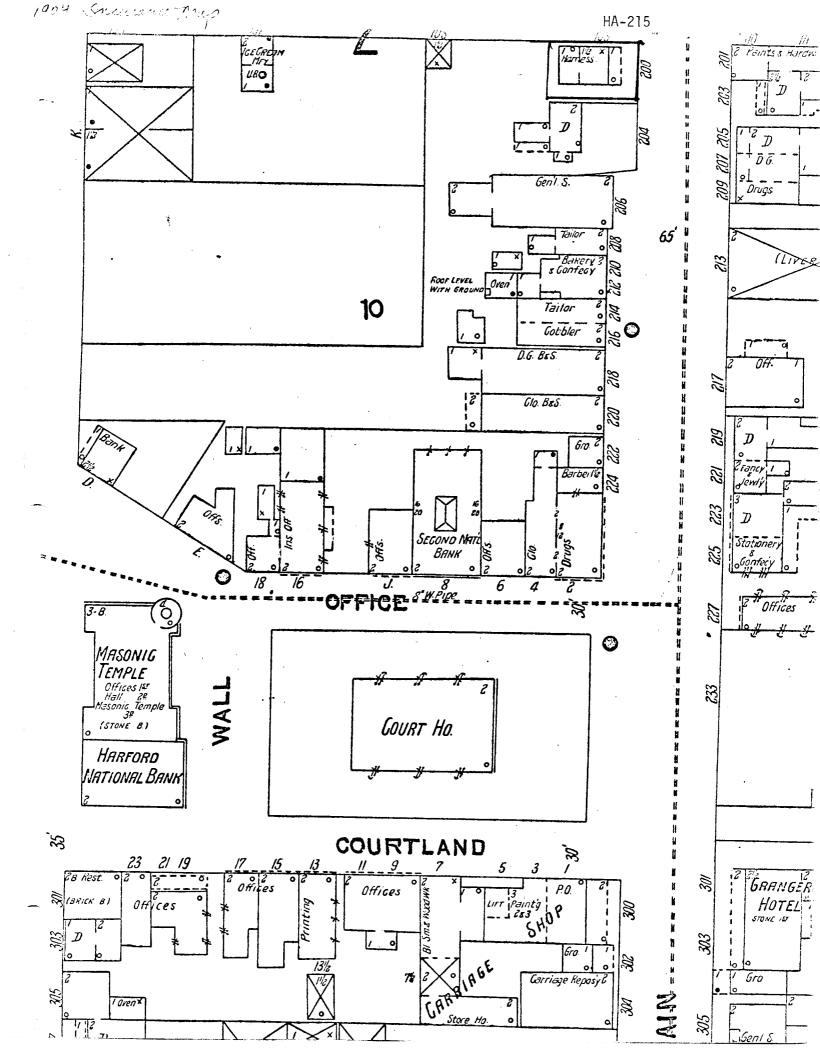
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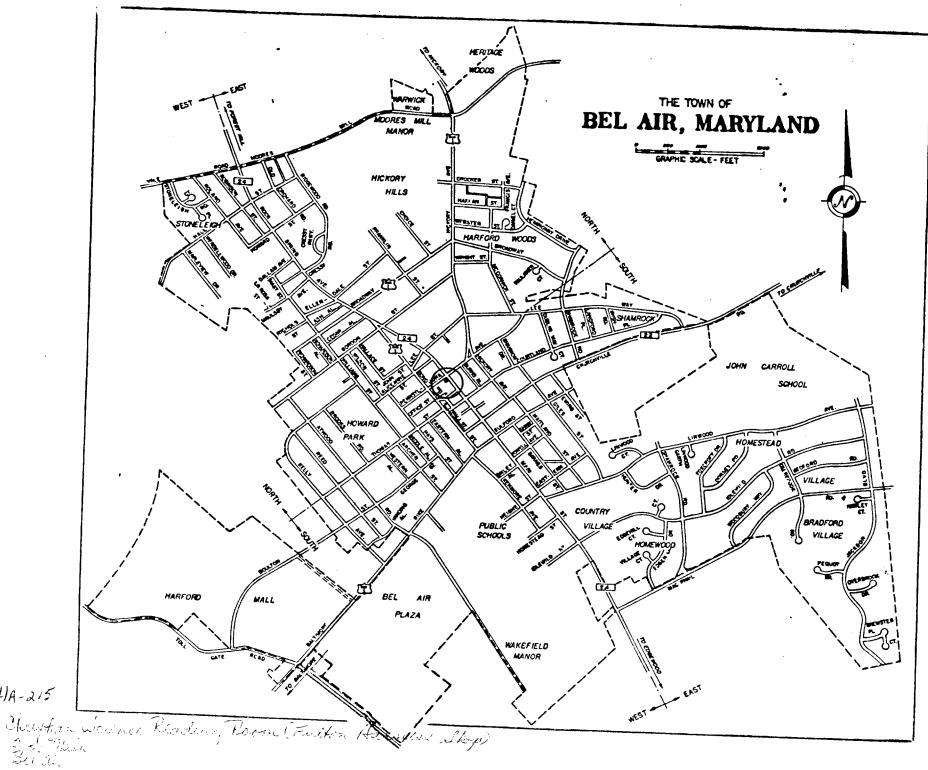
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13 March 1979

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CARISTIAN SCIENCE READING PROM (FULTON HARNESS SHOP)

2 S. MAIN ST. BELAIR

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CHRISTIAN & TENCE READING ROOM (FULTON PARMESS SHOP)

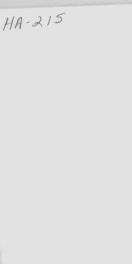
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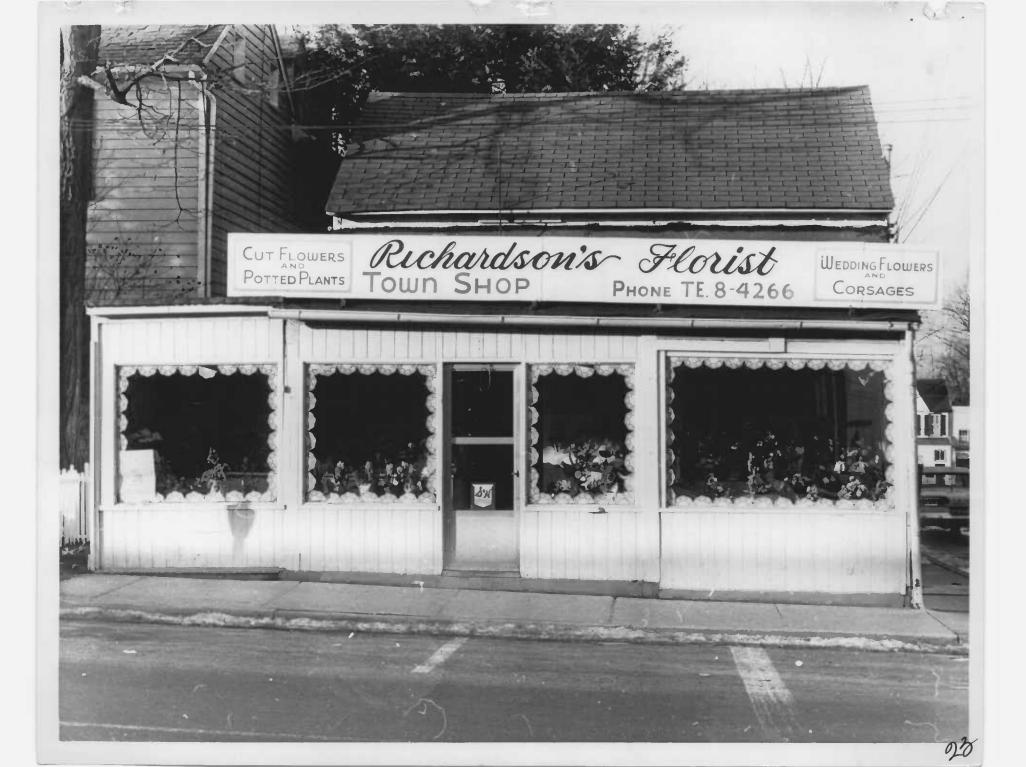
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